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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1325

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SUBJECT: NEW TANZANIAN INTELLIGENCE CHIEF

1. TANZANIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED APR 8 THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD APPOINTED MAJOR HASSUMA KITINE AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (AND THEREFORE HEAD OF THE TANZANIAN INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES - TISS). HE REPLACES LAWRENCE GAMA, WHO WAS NAMED TANU PARTY SECRETARY AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR DODOMA REGION IN NOVEMBER 1975.

2. KITINE WAS BORN IN IRINGA IN 1943, AND IS OF THE HEHE TRIBE. HE WENT TO SCHOOL AT MALANGALI, AND THEN AT THE TABORA SECONDARY SCHOOL BEFORE ENTERING THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM; HE GRADUATED IN MARCH 1968, IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND IN 1969 JOINED THE TANZANIAN PEOPLES DEFENSE FORCES (TPDF). HE ATTENDED THE MONS OFFICER CADET SCHOOL IN ENGLAND BEFORE BECOMING, IN 1970, ASSISTANT TRAINING OFFICER AT THE MGULANI OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL, TANZANIAN MILITARY ACADEMY. HE WAS APPOINTED POLITICAL EDUCATION OFFICER AT THE PARTY CADRE MILITARY

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SCHOOL, MONDULI, CA. JULY 1973 AND WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR ON

1 JULY 1974. FOLLOWING HIS PROMOTION, HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY
COMMANDER OF MAZAO ORDNANCE FACTORY, MOROGORO.

3. IN JULY 1975, KITINE BECAME PRINCIPAL OF THE MONDULI MILITARY
ACADEMY. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, KITINE HAS BEEN WORKING
AT TISS, THOUGH HIS FORMAL APPOINTMENT HAS ONLY NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. COMMENT: THE JOB OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE AND
SECURITY IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY IMPORTANT ONE, AND MAJOR KITINE HAS
FEW OBVIOUS SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL IT. IT IS SOMEWHAT SUR-
PRISING THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN A MILITARY
MAN -- GIVEN HIS TENDENCY TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE MILITARY -- BUT
KITINE'S REAL MILITARY BACKGROUND SEEMS RATHER NOMINAL. WE SUSPECT
THAT NYERERE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO KEEP TISS OPERATIONS VERY
MUCH UNDER HIS OWN AUTHORITY, AND THAT HIS CHIEF TROUBLESHOOTER,
MINISTER OF STATE PETER SIYOVELWA, WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING TISS ON AN
AD HOC BASIS SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF GAMA, WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE
AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ITS OPERATIONS.
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